

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th January 2014

Present: Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Miller, Cllr Batson, Cllr Cotton, Cllr. Gilpin, Cllr Horne, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Webber and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

District Councillor Ward

Parishioners present - 3

1. Apologies for Absence: County Councillor Chapple

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Miller declared an interest in the planning applications relating to Rowsham Road & Cane End Lane

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

It was commented that in the minutes, under the heading of Changes to the Scheme of Officer Delegated Powers, it had been agreed that a response would be made by the 9th December. This response had not been sent due to pressures on time.

However District Cllr Ward stated that the local member does have the power to “call in “ any application to be discussed at committee and any decision made by the committee would supersede the officer’s decision.

The minutes of the planning meeting held on the 7th January 2014 were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Co-option of Councillor

Five candidates had expressed an interest in the vacancy for the parish councillor. One candidate withdrew before the meeting and another Mark Tubb was unable to attend the meeting and later sent his apologies due to illness.

The parish councillors were given voting slips by the clerk and the votes were counted by the clerk in the presence of one of the parishioners.

The majority of votes were in favour of Geoff Sherley and he was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Cllr Sherley then signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman expressed the Council’s appreciation to the other candidates for their participation in the process.

5. Public Forum

The problem of flooding in Broughton Lane was raised. Bucks County Council had been contacted and it was said to be due to exceptional circumstances. The field next to the Old Mill had been flooded at least four times and a concern was raised that some of the gullies that had drained this field had been damaged when electrical cables had been laid.

It was commented that as electrical cable had been laid then this could potentially be available to supply traffic lights at the canal bridge.

6. Clerks Report – The Clerk’s report was noted.

It was agreed that the clerk would ask Kempson Electrics to carry out essential repair work to replace three faulty lights in the main hall of the Sports centre and also to replace the switches in the home & away changing rooms.

It was also agreed that £500 was delegated to the Hall Management Committee to spend on clearing the official changing room, installing a lockable cupboard to hold cleaning supplies and to fit extra shelves in the electrical cupboard.

7. Planning Applications

a) The following determinations were noted :-

13/03043/APP - 10 Parsons Lane Bierton HP22 5DF- Single storey front extension – **Permitted**

13/03123/ATC - 1 Pecks Farm Close Bierton HP22 5FJ Reduce height of one elm and one ash – **Permitted**

13/03142/APP – 39 Great Lane, HP22 5DE Detached Garage- **Permitted**

b) 13/03534/AOP – Land East of Watermead –

Cllr Robson stated that the appeal for the previous application 13/00391/AOP was not going to be heard until later in the year. In the meantime the developers had lodged another application that was substantially the same. Some elements had been changed including a proposal to fit traffic lights on the Schweppes roundabout.

It was agreed that Cllr Robson and Cllr Miller would produce a response in opposition to the application maintaining the stance to maintain Bierton as a village.

Also letters will be sent to residents asking them to send letters if they object to this application. A statement regarding the views of the Parish Council and also a request to send letters would also be put in the village diary.

c) Vale of Aylesbury Plan –

The Planning Inspector had presided over two meetings and had then decided to write a letter recommending that Aylesbury Vale District Council withdraw the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. Therefore the situation is that the area is now left without a plan. District Cllr Ward advised that a special council meeting has been arranged for Monday 27th January at which members of the public and representatives of Parish Councils were entitled to speak if they registered by next Friday 24th January. Cllr Robson and Cllr Miller will decide who will speak at the meeting and also what to say.

d) 10/02649/AOP Land East of Aylesbury –

Permission has been granted for this application. There is a three month moratorium period when an application for judicial review can be put forward. There was a suggestion that an application would be put in but this has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council needs now to monitor the development and particularly to look at the mismatch between the S106 money being reduced and the wish of the government for developers to pay for infrastructure. There may be a need perhaps to include the Member of Parliament in the process. Also detailed thought may need to be given to the access at both ends of the Aylesbury East development once the plans for such access were known .

e) Cane End Lane –

Another application 13/02282/APP, a modification of the previous application had been received by AVDC for the Change of use of premises to storage and maintenance depot for mini buses/coaches on Cane End Lane.

The proposal states that vehicles could be using this site as early as 4 a.m. and as late as 11 p.m.

There is also no guarantee that vehicles will not use Rowsham Road and it is likely that the business may grow thus increasing the number of vehicles using the site.

The Parish Council agreed to the continuation of the objection to this application

8. Proposed Boundary Changes for Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The Boundary Commission suggested two changes that would directly affect Bierton.

1) Oldham's Meadow ward which is already under a different electoral boundary for parliamentary elections would be included with Elmhurst and this area would be a two member ward.

2) The proposal is for a 3 member ward to be called Oakfield & Bierton.

The Parish Council felt that this boundary was again pulling Bierton into Aylesbury and very much wanted Bierton to retain a separate village identity.

It was suggested that a one member ward could include Bierton, Broughton & Hulcott, especially taking into account that the number of electors would be increasing substantially in the next few years now that the Aylesbury East development had been granted.

A response to the consultation is requested by the 8th April

9. Traffic In Broughton Lane –

Cllr Batson gave a report on the meeting held on Thursday 16th January at the Sports Centre. This meeting was attended by representatives of Bucks County Council, Parish Council, Police and other interested parties. The main problem is that heavy vehicles are still using the road and going over the bridge and this is almost a daily occurrence during the week. However Cllr Batson did state that the actual number of vehicles does seem to have eased slightly. The busiest days are Saturday and Sunday although without the heavy lorries on these days.

The design of junction of Broughton Lane and the A41 and also the placement of the traffic lights was queried as it is believed that traffic is encouraged to go along Broughton Lane in order to relieve the pressure on traffic going up the Tring Road.

A number of proposals were put forward including the authorisation of sites at which the TSID could be used, a feasibility study for other traffic calming methods, speed enforcement and more signage on the A41 for the weight limit on the bridge to try to stop the large lorries using Broughton Lane.

It is proposed that residents would be asked to identify heavy vehicles using the lane by registration number and owners if possible. A request would be put in the Village Diary.

In summary a lot had been promised and the minutes of this meeting are awaited. It was proposed to evaluate the actions of Bucks CC in six months time.

Cllr Cotton and Cllr Gilpin would look into the possibility of loaning speed-watch equipment from the Neighbourhood Speed Campaign.

10. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID)

It is hoped that other sites may soon be authorised by Bucks CC so that the TSID can be moved within the Parish. In the meantime Cllr Gilpin had received a quotation from CA Traffic for two clips to enable the sign to be attached to telegraph poles for £ 20.00. The clerk raised a cheque for this amount and the cheque was signed at the meeting. Cllr Gilpin would try to contact the owners of the telegraph poles to get permission.

11. War Memorial

Cllr Miller had written a letter to the War Memorial Trust as the website was not easy to use. The main problem would seem to be in identifying what actually is meant by a War Memorial. It would seem that the plaque is a War Memorial but the pavilion is not although the wording on the plaque states that 'the pavilion was erected'

More investigation therefore needs to be done to see whether a grant could be forthcoming.

There also is the Lottery Heritage Fund which is an initiative to get young people involved which could include the scouts.

In order to proceed therefore it would be advantageous for one of the councillors to take the pavilion on as a project to look at what could be done with the building. One suggestion is that it could be used to put on an exhibition of the involvement of the village in World War 1.

Cllr Miller stated that it is to be noted that the War Memorial is recorded in the Imperial War Museum Archive although some of the information is in need of updating.

District Cllr Ward stated that there was some surplus in the Community Leader's Fund but obviously this needed to be spent before the end of the financial year.

Cllr Miller is to decide whether it is worth writing to the community leaders with any ideas for the pavilion.

Cllr Sherley agreed to work with Cllr Miller on this project.

12. Village Web Site

It was commented that the village website needs to be updated. It was suggested that there was a default front page so that any 'news' item could be replaced when it was no longer relevant. Cllr Gilpin stated that he will check the front page each month when he updates the site with the Village Diary. It was also suggested that the person who takes on the Village Diary Editor role might be able to access the website and update the content.

13. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	81.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	297.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	163.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Booking – Football	60.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - Nov	123.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - Nov	106.50
Mr C Finch	Regular Booking – Football	90.40
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	216.00
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	81.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	216.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - Dec	84.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - Dec	78.00
21 st Century Ducks	Private Hire	70.00
Karma Almosawi	Private Hire	65.00
Mr James M Smith	Regular Booking - Sports Factor	200.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	81.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Booking – Football	95.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	243.00

Debit

Natwest	Bank Charges	14.68
Thames Water	SC - Water Supply	198.08
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	184.02
Eon Energy	SC - Gas	301.12
B&Q	Boxes for Short Mat Bowls	17.92
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	186.12
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light - Maintenance	88.68
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract – Nov	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Kempson Electrical Services	SC – Electrical Repairs	245.16
PPL	SC- PPL Licence	139.63
Brian Small	Handyman	487.84

Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	737.41
H.M. Revenue & Customs	National Insurance Q3	1.51
Natwest	Bank Charges	23.24
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light - Maintenance	168.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light - Maintenance	138.84
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract – Dec	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	290.00
Mr K Miller	Councillor Expenses	57.32
Brian Small	Handyman	102.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	671.35

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	<u>35,237</u>
	35,237
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	340
Traffic Calming Measures	4,220
Traffic Lights	1,600
Replacement of Concrete Light	<u>1,400</u>
	18,560
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>16,677</u></u>

b) Signatory for Bank Account – It was resolved that Cllr Horne would be a signatory on the Parish Council Bank Account. The clerk had requested a new mandate form from NatWest but had not yet received it.

c) Precept – The Parish Council resolved to request a precept of £ 24,000 for 2014/15. It was also agreed that an amount of £4,000 would be put into the budget for this financial year to cover the painting of the Sports Centre.

d) Hire Charges for Sports Centre 2014/15 - The Parish Council agreed to accept the proposal of the Sport Centre Management Committee (Appendix 1) with regard to the increase of the Hire Charges for 2014/15.

e) Buckland Landscapes – The Parish Council agreed to the quote from Buckland Landscapes to cut both sides of the front hedge for a cost of £ 496.80 and the inside of the boundary hedge for a cost of £ 465.75.

14. Outside Organisations

There were no reports from councillors attending meetings although Cllr Robson stated that he would be attending the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPCC) meeting on the 22nd January when the main topic would be the Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

15. NAG Meetings – No update

16. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

a) Correspondence:

- a) Aylesbury Dial-A-Ride – Letter of Thanks - Noted
- b) Poppy Appeal – Letter of Thanks - Noted
- c) AVDC – Invitation to Chairman to a Charity Fund Raiser 15th March & Civic Service on 30th May- Noted
- d) AVDC - Letter concerning Grant Support for Lunch Clubs for older people – The Parish Council were unaware of any groups that would qualify for this support.
- e) AVDC - Letter outlining New Homes Bonus Funding Scheme 2014/15 - Circulated
- f) BALC – Nomination form for Buckingham Palace Garden party 3rd June 2014 – Not Applicable as the Chairman has previously attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.
- g) NALC – EU VAT Rules for Public Sector - Circulated
- h) BALC – Notice of Parish Liaison Meeting 22nd January – Clerk will attend.
- i) E-Mail from Berton Pre-School regarding their Health and Safety Report – The Clerk and Cllr Cotton will respond to the Pre-school.
- j) E-mail to give notice that Thames Valley's Police and Crime Commissioner will be holding a public meeting on 13th February in Aylesbury. – Noted

Circulars:

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2014
- b) LCR – Winter 2013
The Playing Field – December 2013

17. Matters of report –

- a) Comment was made on the state of the potholes on the A418, some pot holes had been filled but others had been left.
- b) Cllr Gilpin has a bench that he offered to the Parish Council. The councillors were asked for suggestions as to where this bench could be placed.
- c) The Grit bin appeared to have disappeared from the bottom of Muddy Lane. The clerk was asked to contact Transport for Bucks. It was also suggested that a Grit Bin should be placed near the new traffic lights.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 17th February 2014 at 7.30 pm.